

Amendment to the Claims:

The listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for cleaning a grinding machine having one or more soiled burrs, comprising:

apportioning a predetermined amount of a cleaning material;

inserting the cleaning material into the grinding machine;

grinding the cleaning material using the one or more soiled burrs of the grinder, wherein during the grinding procedure the cleaning material dislodges the soil from the one or more soiled burrs; and

purging the ground cleaning material and the soil from the grinder without the use of liquid.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The cleaning method of claim 1 wherein the cleaning material comprises one or more of the following materials:

- (a) legumes;
- (b) corn husks;
- (c) walnut shells;
- (d) pecan shells;
- (e) nuts;
- (f) rice;
- (g) dried corn kernels;
- (h) barley;
- (i) wheat;
- (j) grain;

- (k) fiber;
- (l) legume;
- (m) nut;
- (n) bark;
- (o) shell;
- (p) corn meal;
- (q) bulgur wheat;
- (r) oatmeal;
- (s) quick oats;
- (t) grits; and
- (u) rice hulls.

Claims 3-4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (previously presented): The cleaning method of claim 1, wherein the cleaning material is in the form of a tablet shaped and sized to correspond to the shape and size of the most common type of product that the grinding machine grinds.

Claim 6 (original): The cleaning method of claim 5, wherein the tablet is sized and shaped like a coffee bean.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The cleaning method of claim 1, wherein the cleaning material is colored.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The cleaning method of claim 1, further comprising a binding material.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A grinding machine cleaner for cleaning a grinding machine having at least one soiled grinding burr, comprising:

food-safe coarse materials sized into a tablet of a predetermined size and shape, wherein the shape and size of the tablet corresponds to the shape and size of materials specified to be ground by the grinder; and

a binding material combined with the coarse materials to enable the ~~coarse material~~ tablet to retain its shape and size prior to being inserted into the grinding machine, wherein the ~~combination enables~~ tablet becomes ground into particles by the burrs such that the particles the combined materials to be dislodge the soil from the burrs and wherein the particles and the soil from the burrs are purged from the grinder using only the grinding action of the grinder without the use of liquid.

Claim 10 (original): The grinding machine cleaner of claim 9, wherein the coarse material is colored.

Claim 11 (original): The grinding machine cleaner of claim 9, wherein the tablet is sized and shaped like a coffee bean.

Claim 12 (original): The grinding machine cleaner of claim 9, wherein the coarse material is organic.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The grinding machine cleaner of claim 9, wherein the organic coarse material comprises one or more of the following ingredients:

- a) bulgur wheat; and
- b) corn meal.

Claim 14 (original): The grinding machine cleaner of claim 9, wherein the coarse material is inorganic.

Claim 15 (currently amended): An apparatus for making a grinding machine cleaner for a grinding machine having one or more soiled burrs, comprising:

a mold having a first portion having a first predetermined size and shape, wherein the size and shape corresponds to the size and shape of the most common type of product that the grinding machine grinds;

a mold having a second portion having a second predetermined size and shape complementary to the first predetermined size and shape; and

a pressing machine for pressing the first and second halves of the mold together at a predetermined force for combining food-safe materials into an object corresponding to the size and shape of the most common type of product that the grinding machine is capable of grinding, wherein the pressed object is capable of being ground by the burrs for knocking the soil off the soiled burrs and then the soil and the ground pressed object being purged through the grinding machine without the use of liquid.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 15 further comprising a binding material to be mixed in with the coarse materials.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 15 further comprising a coloring agent to be mixed in with the coarse materials.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the first portion of the mold is sized and shaped like the bottom side of a coffee bean.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the second portion of the mold is sized and shaped like the top side of a coffee bean.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The grinding machine cleaner of claim 15, wherein the coarse material is inorganic.